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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Re: Application of SUZUKI, Toru, YOSHIDA, Susumu, NAKAMURA, Kenji
RECORDING MEDIUM PLAYBACK DEVICE
Assignee: **PIONEER CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q78277

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/740,989 (Confirmation No. 5509) filed December 21, 2000 of SUZUKI, Toru, YOSHIDA, Susumu, and NAKAMURA, Kenji entitled RECORDING MEDIUM PLAYBACK DEVICE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 20 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2653.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/740,989 filed December 21, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-370362	December 27, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/740,989.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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